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Skill Development
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken major skill development initiatives including an integrated system of skilled manpower under one roof and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make available skilled manpower with proper course certification in those fields where there is shortage of professionals such as carpenters and plumbers, etc. and if so, the trades/professions identified for the purpose; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in this regard?

Answer

(a) to (c) The Government of India for the first time created an independent Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) during 2014-15 so as to harmonise and integrate highly fragmented skilling efforts / programmes in the country. The MSDE has taken a number of initiatives for integration of skilling echo system by launching the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, National Skill Development Mission under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes. The Vision of the Policy is "to create an ecosystem of empowerment by Skilling on a large Scale at Speed with high Standards and to promote a culture of innovation based entrepreneurship which can generate wealth and employment so as to ensure Sustainable livelihoods for all citizens in the country". Similarly, Common Norms define the activities constituting 'Skill Development' in the country, skill development courses and their alignment with the National Skills Qualification Framework, broad input standards for training programmes and the outcomes expected from these programmes. Further, The National Skill Development Mission is expected to provide a strong institutional framework at the Centre and States for implementation of skilling activities in the country. The Government through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has also established Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) so as to ensure that skill development efforts being made by all stakeholders in the system are in accordance with actual needs of industry. SSCs are being set up as industry-led and industry-governed bodies, which will help link the requirements of Industry with appropriately trained manpower. Role and functions of the SSCs include finalisation of National Occupational Standards (NOSs) and Qualification Packs (QPs) for job roles as per industry requirement, its alignment with NSQF, assessment and certification etc. Currently there are 40 Sector Skill Councils including Plumbing and Constructions.

The SSCs have developed QPs for more than 1600 job roles in more than 30 sectors including for plumbing, carpenters, electrician etc. The training is being imparted under many of these 1600 QPs under various skill development programmes, based on skill requirement in a region as per skill gap studies.